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GERONTOLOGY PANELS TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO SENIORS AND CAREGIVERS

LANSING – State Senator Gilda Jacobs will host two panels of experts who will discuss aging issues for seniors and caregivers on **Thursday, May 13, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., between Nine and Ten Mile, west of Coolidge, Oak Park, and Monday, June 7, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Costick Activities Center 28600 Eleven Mile, ¼ east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.** The panels will be sponsored by the Institute of Gerontology (IOG) at Wayne State University.

The **May 13th Oak Park Community Center program** will feature discussions on dementia, homelessness, home safety and physical fitness for seniors. Presenters will include: Peter Lichtenberg, Ph.D., ABPP, Director of the IOG at WSU; Olivia Washington, Ph.D., Associate Professor: IOG, College of Nursing; Mary Ellen Daniel, O.T. specializing in visual rehabilitation; Cathy Lysack, Ph.D., O.T., Associate Professor: IOG, Department of Occupational Therapy; and Kim Campbell-Voytal, Ph.D., Department of Community Medicine, WSU School of Medicine.

The **June 7th Farmington Hills program** will cover dementia, estate planning, low vision rehabilitation, and older drivers. Panelists will include: Peter Lichtenberg, Ph.D., ABPP, Director of the IOG at WSU; Tom Trainer, Elder Law, Beier Howlett Law Firm; Dr. Lylas Mogk, Henry Ford Health Systems Visual Rehabilitation and Research Center of SE Michigan; and R. Darin Ellis, Ph.D., Associate Professor: IOG, Department of Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering.

“The professionals within the Institute of Gerontology are leading experts in research, education and outreach on aging issues,” Jacobs said. “By partnering with the IOG, we can promote safe, informed and successful aging throughout our communities and state.”

The IOG is a multidisciplinary research institute of WSU that is dedicated to promoting health across the lifespan, educating gerontology professionals, and disseminating research results throughout the community.

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State Senator Gilda Jacobs represents the 14th Senate District, which includes Farmington, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak Township, and Southfield. She is the Minority Vice Chair of the Families & Human Services Committee and the Economic Development, Small Business & Regulatory Reform Committee. She also serves on the Government Operations and Health Policy Committees.